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## **CONNECTICUT ARMY NATIONAL GUARD TO SEND EMBEDDED TRAINING TEAM TO AFGHANISTAN**

HARTFORD, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard announces that a 15 person Embedded Training Team (ETT) will be heading to Afghanistan to work with and assist the Afghan National Army (ANA) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

**A formal send-off ceremony will held at the Hartford Armory on Thursday, April 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m.**

The 15 person ETT will assist, mentor and train the Afghan National Army to help develop their capability and capacity to fight terror within the country's borders.

The ETT will also provide expertise to the Regional Commander and the primary staff of the ANA in the areas of personnel, intelligence, operations, training, logistics, engineering, public affairs and garrison operations.

"Our team's mission will include incorporating all elements of the Afghan National Security Forces and work with the Afghan Police agencies, as needed, to provide and maintain improved security throughout Afghanistan," said Martin.

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The Connecticut National Guard currently has more than 1,000 Soldiers and Airmen mobilized and deployed to Germany, Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terror.

The ETT is commanded by Col. Mark A. Russo of Guilford, Conn. The unit will depart early next week to their mobilization station at Ft. Riley, KS.

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